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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 894

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## "AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL-INFUSED CONFECTIONS."

- 1 In line 48, strike "volume" and insert "weight" in lieu thereof
- In line 49, strike "and in consultation with the Liquor Control"
- 3 In line 50, strike "Commission"
- 4 In line 92, strike "<u>volume</u>" and insert "<u>weight</u>" in lieu thereof
- 5 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 6 internal references accordingly:
- 7 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) A permittee authorized
- 8 pursuant to title 30 of the general statutes to sell alcoholic liquor for on-
- 9 premises consumption may use a self-pour automated system that,
- 10 upon activation of a payment card by the permittee, may be operated to

dispense beer, cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by volume and wine to the following: (1) An employee of the permittee who is authorized by law to serve alcoholic beverages, or (2) a person whom the permittee has verified to be twenty-one years of age or older who displays a government-issued identification card that matches the name on the payment card. Such verification that a person is twenty-one years of age or older shall be recorded by the permittee or an employee of the permittee.

- (b) A self-pour automated system authorized by subsection (a) of this section shall not dispense a serving of more than (1) thirty-two ounces of beer, (2) thirty-two ounces of cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by volume, or (3) ten ounces of wine, before the payment card is reactivated by the permittee or an employee of the permittee.
- Sec. 502. Section 30-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may adopt in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 all necessary regulations, subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, to: (1) Carry out, enforce and prevent violation of the provisions of this chapter, (2) inspect permit premises, (3) ensure sanitary conditions, (4) ensure proper, safe and orderly conduct of permit premises, and (5) protect the public against fraud or overcharge.
  - (b) More specifically, with respect to part V of this chapter, the Department of Consumer Protection may adopt in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 regulations that are necessary to (1) carry out the purposes of section 30-64 and prevent the circumvention thereof by the offering or giving of any rebate, allowance, free goods, discount or any other thing or service of value; (2) permit the withdrawal of, an addition to, a deletion from or an amendment of any schedule, or a modification of prices therein, when not inconsistent with the purposes of said section 30-64, whenever necessary to avoid practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships to any permittee affected by said section 30-

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64 or because of acts or circumstances beyond the control of such permittee and under such terms and conditions as are necessary to carry out the purposes of said section 30-64; (3) permit the sale by a retailer of a brand of alcoholic liquor or wine for which a schedule of suggested consumer resale prices has not been and cannot be filed, whenever necessary to avoid practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships to any permittee affected by said section or because of acts or circumstances beyond the control of such permittee, and under such terms and conditions as are necessary to carry out the purposes of said section 30-64; (4) subject to the provisions of section 30-63e, permit the closeout of a brand for the purpose of discontinuing its sale, under such terms and conditions as are necessary to carry out the purposes of said section 30-64; (5) carry out the purposes of sections 30-68k to 30-68m, inclusive, and section 30-76a and prevent their circumvention; (6) on verified application, and for good cause shown, permit any adjustment or change of any item on the schedule required to be filed under section 30-63 and said section 30-64; and (7) permit the sale at a price which is less than cost by a supplier, wholesaler or retailer for any item of alcoholic liquor, except beer, that is damaged or deteriorated in quality, or, subject to the provisions of section 30-63f, permit the closeout of a brand or size for the purpose of discontinuing its sale, under such terms and conditions as are necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 30-68k to 30-68m, inclusive, and section 30-76a.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2021, the Department of Consumer Protection shall amend such regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to: (1) Allow for the use of self-pour automated systems by permittees and employees of permittees for the dispensing of beer, cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by volume and wine pursuant to section 501 of this act, (2) ensure that such beer, cider and wine is not initially dispensed from any such system in servings of more than thirty-two ounces of beer or cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by volume, or ten ounces of wine, to any one person for his or her own consumption at any one time, and (3) ensure that second and subsequent servings of such beer, cider and wine from any such system

is allowed only after the first serving has been substantially disposed of or consumed by such person.

[(c)] (d) The department shall not adopt any regulation: (1) Requiring prior approval of alterations or changes in the interior or exterior of permit premises; (2) requiring prior approval for live entertainment or the installation of amusement devices or games; (3) requiring registration of employees or agents of permittees; (4) requiring the presence of retail permittees on permit premises during hours of sale or prohibiting employment of such permittees in another occupation or business except as provided in section 30-45; (5) establishing a mandated minimum price above which a permittee must sell; or (6) requiring effective separation for restaurants and cafes.

Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Liquor Control Commission shall study the potential impact of extending alcoholic liquor service hours at gaming and other establishments regulated pursuant to title 30 of the general statutes and located not more than fifty miles from any border of this state.

- (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Liquor Control Commission shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report its findings pursuant to the study required by subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to general law.
- 99 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 30-48 of the general statutes is 100 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 101 2021):
  - (a) No backer or permittee of one permit class shall be a backer or permittee of any other permit class except in the case of any class of airport, railroad, airline and boat permits, and except that: (1) A backer of a hotel or restaurant permit may be a backer of both such classes; (2) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit or a cafe permit may be a holder or backer of any other or all of such classes; (3) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit may be a holder or backer of a bowling

establishment permit; (4) a backer of a restaurant permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit or a coliseum concession permit, or both, when such restaurant is within a coliseum; (5) a backer of a hotel permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit or a coliseum concession permit, or both; (6) a backer of a coliseum permit may be a backer of a coliseum concession permit; (7) a backer of a coliseum concession permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit; (8) a backer of a grocery store beer permit may be (A) a backer of a package store permit if such was the case on or before May 1, 1996, and (B) a backer of a restaurant permit, provided the restaurant permit premises do not abut or share the same space as the grocery store beer permit premises; (9) a backer of a university permit may be a backer of a nonprofit theater permit; (10) a backer of a nonprofit theater permit may be a holder or backer of a hotel permit; (11) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit may be a holder or backer of a special outing facility permit; (12) a backer of a concession permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit or a coliseum concession permit, or both; (13) a holder of an out-of-state winery shipper's permit for wine may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit or an out-of-state entity wine festival permit issued pursuant to section 30-37m, or of both such permits; (14) a holder of an out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic liquor other than beer may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit; (15) a holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery or the holder of a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit, a wine festival permit issued pursuant to section 30-37l, a farmers' market sales permit issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-37o, an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit issued pursuant to section 30-16a or of any combination of such permits; (16) a holder of a manufacturer permit for beer may be a holder of a farmers' market sales permit issued pursuant to section 30-37o. Any person may be a permittee of more than one permit; and (17) the holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits, a manufacturer permit for beer, a manufacturer permit for a farm winery or a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead may be a holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit, a restaurant permit or a restaurant permit for wine and beer. No holder of a manufacturer permit for a brew

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pub and no spouse or child of such holder may be a holder or backer of
more than three restaurant permits or cafe permits."

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following |              |             |
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| sections:   |              |             |
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| Sec. 501  | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 502  | from passage | 30-6a       |
| Sec. 503  | from passage | New section |
| Sec. 504  | July 1, 2021 | 30-48(a)    |